

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
July 13, 2015

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Wassmundt
Excused: Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015 special meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Cindy Dainton, Mansfield City Road, commented on the changes in the world which have taken place since the enactment of the Town Charter and urged Council members to review the provisions of the Charter. (Statement attached)

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written report the Town Manager offered the following comment:

- Suggested Item 6, Fire Department Staffing and Structure, be postponed to a future meeting since three Councilors were not in attendance. By consensus the Council agreed to the postponement.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson asked Councilors if they wished to discuss the proposed State Police gun range in Willington, as members have received numerous emails on the subject. By consensus the Councilors agreed to have staff gather information to be included as a communication in the next packet. Information would include available data on potential environmental concerns.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Storrs Center Update

The Town Manager reported that a review of the contracts indicates that the Town is not precluded from charging user fees for the commuter club at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center. Mr. Hart also noted that Storrs Center is one of 22 real estate developments across the world that has been chosen as finalist in the 2015 Urban Land Institute Global Awards for Excellence. The Town Manager commended MDP Executive Director Cynthia vanZelm and all the Town's partners for this prestigious honor.

2. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

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Mr. Hart noted the Connecticut Water Company project update information can be accessed from the Town's website and that the draft Environmental Impact Evaluation for the Four Corners sewer project is being prepared.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

3. Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership Inc. for Management of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. for the Management of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.

The Town Manager explained the combination of existing positions which would allow for the hiring of a 30 hour per week transportation coordinator. The hired individual would be an employee of the Downtown Partnership. A report to the Council on the Downtown Partnership's discussion regarding their current and future role will be provided at a future date.

4. Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG)
An additional handout from Lyle Wray, Executive Director of CRCOG, regarding the change in dues was distributed. (handout attached).

5. Contract between the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police and the Town of Mansfield for the Services of Resident State Troopers.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, effective July 13, 2015, that Town Manager Matthew W. Hart is hereby authorized to execute the Contract between the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police and the Town of Mansfield for the Services of Resident State Troopers for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

The Town was unable to obtain the changes to the contract that staff requested but continues to work on a few of the items for inclusion in the Operating Guidelines. The Town will contract for eight troopers year round and will continue to explore other options.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

6. Fire Department Staffing and Structure
As agreed to earlier in the meeting this issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Kochenburger, Chair of the Committee on Committees offered the following recommendations for Council approval:

- The reappointment of Nancy Silander and William Simpson to the Town/University Relations Committee for a term ending 3/13/2016

- The appointment of George Rawitscher, Lyle Scruggs, Juliana Barrett, Chadwick Rittenhouse, Greg Anderson, Laura Cisneros, Timothy Vadas, Margaret Rubega, Gary Bent and Don Hoyle to the ad hoc Climate Change Committee

The motions to approve the recommendations passed unanimously.

By consensus the Council approved the Committee on Committees' recommendation to change the ad hoc Committee's section of the Sustainability Committee's charge increasing the total membership to ten.

Mr. Kegler updated members on the Committee's plan to have a booth at the Celebrate Mansfield Festival to both honor current volunteers and solicit new volunteers.

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, outlined the timeline for the Town Manager's performance review process.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORT

No comments offered

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Letters re: FY 2015-16 Budget
8. M. Capriola re: Timeline – Town Manager Performance Review Process
9. Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection: Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve An Exemption to Connecticut General Statutes Section 25-68d(b) (Flood Management) And Intent to Waive Public Hearing
10. State of Connecticut: P-Card Program Rebate 2014
11. Government Finance Officers Association: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
12. Eastern Highlands Health District: Have a Memorable, Safe and Healthy Summer
13. Mansfield Library Express Coming to Storrs Center
14. Mansfield Minute – July 2015
15. Storrs Center Selected as Finalist for ULI Global Awards for Excellence
16. UCONN 2014 Water Quality Report
17. UCONN re: Purchase of the Nathan Hale Inn by the University of Connecticut
Staff will check to see if taxes will be paid for the October 2014 tax period

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

No additional items offered

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to recess the meeting and enter into executive session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(D) and to include Town Manager Matt Hart and Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman in the discussion
Motion passed unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(D)
Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Wassmundt
Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart and Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened in regular session. Mr. Kegler moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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